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Examiner: Thomas A. Beach

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 in payment for a two-month extension of time. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge same to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392. A three-month extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested, and please charge the fee for this extension to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the correspondence mailed July 30, 2003, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

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